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HEARING AID COMPRISING AN ARRAY OF MICROPHONES

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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hearing ability of a hard of hearing user, comprising:

an array of microphones (8-12), each of the microphones producing an electrical output microphone signal, the electrical output microphone signals being used to generate two array output signals;

means for deriving the two array output signals from the electrical output microphone signals of the array of microphones (8-12; 26-36), the array of microphones having two main sensitivity directions (5, 6) running at an angle with